photographs affixed on forged passports; 160 USA green-cards and 30 multiple entry visas of UAE.

(ii) 5 persons have been arrested in case FIR No. 198 dated 5-7-1991 u/s 471|468|420 IPC, Police Station Gokalpuri (North-East). The following incriminating documents have been seized:—

4000 forged passports, driving licences and large quantity of printed documents.

(iii) 4 persons have been arrested in case FIR No. 110 dated 8-3-1991 u/s 420|468|471|120-B IPC, Police Station Mandir Marg, New Delhi. The following incriminating documents have been seized:—

Eight fake passports of Singapore alongwith blank visa/visa-stickers of U.K., West-Germany and Canada.

**Hike in pre-paid taxi fare**

*158. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the Tribune dated June 27, 1991, captioned 'Arbitrary hike in pre-paid taxi-fare alleged;

(b) whether Government have probed into the alleged hikes in pre-paid taxi charges, which are collected at the Railway Stations and Airports, in collusion with the police on duty; and

(c) if so, what are the precise allegations and what is the result of the probe?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Government's attention has been drawn to a report in the Indian Express dated June, 27, 1991 with the caption 'Arbitrary Pre-paid taxi fare hike alleged;

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Compensation to Indian working in Kuwait**

*159. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) The number of Indian workers in Kuwait who suffered financial losses during the Iraqi aggression;

(b) whether there is any plan to pay compensation to such persons; and

(c) if so, what are the proposals in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) The estimated number of Indian nationals in Kuwait including dependents before the on-set of the Gulf crisis in August 1990 was 1,72,000. It is not possible to indicate separately the number of workers, as break up of categorywise employment is not available. All our nationals have suffered financial losses.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The United Nations Security Council. under Resolution 687 of April 3, 1991 has decided to create a fund out of which compensation claims will be met. The fund will be administered by the United Nations Compensation Commission. A percentage of Iraq's earnings from export of petroleum and petroleum products will be paid into the fund. The United Nations Security Council has sought information from governments on claims from them, their corporations and their nationals. Such information is being collected by the Government and it will be transmitted to the Commission in a consolidated form for procsseing.

**Treatment to Israeli Tourists**

*160. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports which